

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 5 are now pending, wherein claims 1, 2, 4, and 6, and 7 have been canceled, and Claim 5 has been amended.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,056,538 to *Büchner et al.* Claims 3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Büchner et al.* Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Büchner et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,489,203 to *Dobbeling et al.*

In the Official Action dated November 14, 2003, the Examiner indicated that Claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As a result, Applicants canceled Claims 6 and 7 and added the subject matter of Claims 6 and 7 to independent Claim 5. However, in an Advisory Action dated December 31, 2003, the Examiner did not enter the Amendments, because intervening Claim 4 was not added. As a result, Applicants have canceled Claim 4 from the application, and added the subject matter of Claim 4 to independent Claim 5. Accordingly, it is submitted that Claim 5 is now allowable over the art of record.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the burner of independent Claim 5, and the claims depending therefrom, is patentably distinguishable over the applied documents. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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